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RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR
OPENS FRIDAY MORNING IN TWIN FALLS

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Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow will formally open a two-day Renewable Energy Fair Friday morning on the College of Southern Idaho campus, the Idaho Energy Division announced today.

The two-day fair will be held at the Evergreen Building on the CSI campus. It will bring together a wide variety of people and firms that make, sell and install renewable energy products and services for visitors to see, ask questions about and purchase.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday just outside the Evergreen Building on the CSI campus. The fair is free to the public and is open from 10:00 to 6:30 on Friday and 10:00 to 4:30 on Saturday.

On Friday there will be a series of free classes that highlight a wide range of renewable energy topics including hands-on solar system installation, anaerobic digestion, geothermal heat systems, small and large-scale wind power systems and energy efficiency issues.

One class will feature Dennis Myers of Jerome who operates a home wind power system that supplies all his electricity and even produces additional electricity that he sells to Idaho Power under its net metering program.

Other classes deal with solar energy, energy efficiency, geothermal energy, anaerobic digestion and biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

Idaho Energy Division loan specialists will also be on hand Friday and Saturday to assist people interested in 4 percent loans to pay for renewable energy projects.

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BriCo of Idaho will also give away 5 gallons of free B20 biodiesel fuel to 100 diesel vehicle owners during the fair. BriCo of Idaho distributes biofuels in the Magic Valley area in a special partnership with the Idaho Energy Division. BriCo of Idaho also operates a public B20 biodiesel pump at its Old Towne Chevron station and in Shoshone. The two outlets are two of only three in the entire state offering B20 biofuel.

There will be two special biofuel vehicles on display both days. One is the Idaho Mustard Bug, a VW Beetle that runs on 100 percent Idaho-grown mustard seed oil. The other is the Idaho BioRam, a 1992 Dodge Ram 250 which has now completed more than 132,000 miles running exclusively on biodiesel. will be on display.

The Magic Valley Honda and Toyota dealers will also display hybrid vehicle sedans that combine gasoline and electric power to get up to 50 miles to the gallon.

The Twin Falls Renewable Energy Fair is being sponsored by the Idaho Energy Division, CSI, the U.S. Department of Energy and BriCo of Idaho.